

PROPOSED CHARTER FADES TO NIGHT

Opposition Suddenly Develops; Draft Not to Be Submitted to Council.

PROVISIONS HELD MUDDLED

Four Months' Work Dwindles to Nothing at Stormy Session of Commission, Which Finally Adjourns Without Date.

Overborne by a strong opposition vote, suddenly developed by W. C. Benbow's minority contingent of the People's (East Side) Charter Commission in the latter part of last night's meeting, the charter over which the commission has been laboring, with frequent extensions of time, for more than four months, dwindled to nothing and will not be submitted to the Council today under the signatures of the commissioners, as was intended.

Dr. Lane Leads Opposition. "I don't care to join with you in submitting this charter," said Dr. Harry Lane, whose name was first called, "I had hoped that we could draft a charter that would be brief and clear in its provisions. In its present form this one is not so. It is confused and needs boiling down. I do not desire to sign it or have it submitted under my understanding that it goes in with my sanction. I am not yet certain that Mr. Benbow's short charter is what we need, but if I find after studying it, that it is, I shall sign it."

Discussion Grows Heated. Mr. Cridge moved that both the official draft and Mr. Benbow's draft be submitted, as a majority and a minority report, but that the motion be a close vote. The discussion grew heated on both sides. Dr. Chapman made a motion that Mr. Benbow's charter be submitted as the official draft, saying that it didn't make much difference what was done, since he believed the City Council would destroy the form of the charter anyway, in an effort to fuse it with the one that has been submitted. Before a second could be made to Dr. Chapman's motion, H. G. Parsons objected that some of the members had not yet read the short draft.

Heavier Vote Wanted. Mr. Clark refused to entertain the suggestion of the commission filing either draft unless the vote could be made unanimous or at least a majority of seven out of 11. It had become a matter of honor, and a matter of choice. Neither document could go in as the work of a commission, but the members would be obliged to sign individually which ever draft they had decided to support.

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VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 26.—Archibald Tiderington was arrested here tonight by detectives representing the State of Washington on a warrant charging embezzlement, alleged to have been committed at Walla Walla, Wash. Tiderington, who conducted a mercantile business at Walla Walla, is charged with having embezzled \$3000 belonging to the Mitchell-Lewis-Staver Company, of Portland, Or., whose agent he was. When arrested he had \$12,202 in Canadian currency in his wallet. The Walla Walla authorities have been notified of the arrest. It is expected Tiderington will fight extradition.

BRIDE LOSES ONE LETTER

Miss Minnie Wyman Becomes Mrs. Albert Wieman.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Miss Minnie Wyman traveled from Ryan County, Iowa, to Vancouver, Wash., to have the "I" in her name changed to "W" yesterday. She was married to Albert Wieman, of Hastings, Neb., by Rev. J. M. Canse, of the First Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Ilett, of Portland, were witnesses. Mrs. Ilett is a sister of the bride. The couple had been visiting in Portland, but will go back to Lincoln, Neb., to live. Robert Nelson and Ida May McDaniels, both of Portland, were married here today. They were accompanied by Eugene Roberts.

BANDON MAN IS SUICIDE

Despondency Prompts Lodge Member to End His Life.

BANDON, Or., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—E. W. Black committed suicide by shooting himself here today. He had been brooding over financial and family troubles for several weeks. Mr. Black was a native of Texas, and has resided at Bandon for a number of years. He was 40 years old and was a member in good standing of both the Masonic and Oddfellows lodges. The funeral will be held tomorrow under the auspices of the local Oddfellows lodge.

EARLY ENDING PREDICTED

Yuan's Envoy Cables Belief That Settlement is Near.

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SHUSTER READY TO QUIT

CHIEF CONCERN IS FOR STAFF OF ASSISTANTS.

Meetings Are Held in Mosques, at Which Protests Against Government Are Voiced.

TEHRAN, Dec. 26.—M. W. Morgan Shuster, the American Treasurer-General of Persia, who has been dismissed from office by the Cabinet in compliance with the demands contained in the Russian ultimatum, today sent his reply to the Cabinet. In which he stated his willingness to hand over his accounts when his successor was named. He added that his chief solicitude was for the welfare of his 14 American assistants, concerning whom nothing has yet been decided.

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CONTRACT IS NOT YET OFF

Indications Are, Though, That Shuster Will Soon Leave Persia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—American Treasurer-General Shuster's contract with the Persian government to manage the finances of Persia has not been officially cancelled, so far as the State Department can learn. A cable message received today from American Minister Russell at Teheran, however, dealt with plans being made to get Mr. Shuster and his family safely out of Persia.

Death Penalty is Possible Even Minimum Sentence Would End Days in Prison.

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WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 26.—Archibald Tiderington was one of the oldest harness dealers of this city, although a native of Canada, and had never been naturalized in this country. He was doing an apparently thriving business before his disappearance several weeks ago, after which it was finally discovered that he had changed all his property into cash and had left contracted debts for which creditors have already filed bankruptcy proceedings against him in the United States Court.

He was arrested in Seattle by Pinkerton detectives soon after leaving Walla Walla and held on suspicion as being one of the New Westminster Bank robbers. He then carried about \$20 in cash in his wallet. He was released before the warrant for his arrest was sworn to and succeeded in reaching Canada before it could be served.

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The street in front of his temporary home was filled today with hundreds anxious to catch sight of the man who, for almost a general, ruled them as Governor. The more influential forced their way through the crowd to greet the old man and Linares as a whole was in holiday mood because of the fame of her guest.

Reyes said the situation had been misrepresented to him. "That as soon as I would cross the border the country would rise, that in Chiva alone there were awaiting 400 men. Do you know how many I found there? One man, and so I judged the situation. Although too late, at last, I realized that the people wanted no more war. I might have maintained a few guerrillas, but I considered that unjustifiable and determined to surrender. Now my desire is that I may be the only victim. Why try my own chances, I hope to be able to suffocate the flames of revolt."

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It is generally believed the extreme penalty will be inflicted, but a general amnesty for the venerable prisoner, with his 74 years, will be the equivalent. The court to pass judgment on him will consist of two generals, two army brigadiers, with General Alejandro Pico, chief of Reyes' staff when he was Minister of War under President Diaz, as presiding officer. General Pico is the military chief magistrate of the military court.

Although he had retired from the army, General Reyes was entitled to the habit of a general, but in the army as though in active service.

On the other hand, as a retired officer he is liable to punishment by a military court for offenses committed against the army. His offense consisted in calling upon the army to rise in rebellion. Orders were sent to General Trevino at Monterey to have Reyes brought to the capital at the earliest possible date. He will arrive here and be tried in the next week, and little time will be lost in placing him on trial.

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Just Four Days Previous to Stock Taking January 1st, Stock Must Be Reduced to a Minimum. FOLLOW THE CROWDS.

TO THE GREAT HALF PRICE COAT SALE

Your Unrestricted Choice of Any Coat Throughout the Store at One-Half Price.

Unusual dry season, continued warm weather, accumulation of stocks, cause of this Great Half-Price Pre-Inventory Coat Sale.

The House of Coats Superb Double-Service All-Weather RAINCOATS

ENGLISH SLIP-ONS RUBBER SLIP-ONS ENGLISH GABERDINES FOR MEN, WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS

Table listing various coat types and prices, including 'That Nifty Tan Rubber Slip-on for Men and Women' at \$3.75 and 'Girls' Storm Capes with storm hoods' at \$1.38.

The New English Gaberdines and English Slip-ons for Men and Women

Table listing prices for various coat types, including 'That smart new all-weather Coat for season 1912' at \$15.00 and 'Men's Superb All-Weather Combination Raincoats and Overcoats' at \$6.25.

Alterations will be made free of charge, but will request a little time.

Goodyear RAINCOAT COMPANY 343 WASHINGTON ST. 343

Stores in All Principal Cities

has experienced a "white Christmas"—not white with real snow, but a mantle of frost that almost answered the purpose.

Some of the temperatures reported to the Government weather bureau for the past 24 hours were: San Francisco, 32; Red Bluff, 28; Fresno, 30; from Southern California, Los Angeles, 42; Pasadena, 38; Riverside, 30; San Diego, 35.

Alexander G. McAuley, the forecaster, said tonight that the damage to fruit had not been serious. Ample warning from the Government weather men and up-to-date methods for the protection of trees had prevented great frost blight.

In most sections of the state there has been little rainfall in the past few months, and the precipitation for the season is far below the normal. Crisp, fogless weather and cloudless skies have prevailed almost continuously for four months.

Mische Talks of Parks.

At the meeting of the Rose City Park

Advertisement for Gold Seal Champagne, featuring a bottle image and text: 'GOLD SEAL America's Favorite CHAMPAGNE For All Occasions—An Epicurean Treat Made in America by the French process from luscious grapes.'

O. A. C. Short Courses Begin Jan. 3, Continue Four Weeks

Every citizen of Oregon is cordially invited to attend the short courses of the Oregon Agricultural College, beginning January 3. Eleven distinctive courses will be offered in Agriculture, Mechanic Arts, Domestic Science and Art, Commerce, Forestry and Music. Every course is designed to help the student in his daily work.

Advertisement for California Hotels, Health and Winter Resorts, featuring a scenic image and text: 'CALIFORNIA HOTELS, HEALTH and WINTER RESORTS'

PASADENA'S MAMMOTH AMERICAN PLAN HOTELRY

Advertisement for Hotel Green, featuring an image of the hotel and text: 'HOTEL GREEN Overlooks beautiful Central Park and its own private park of flowers.'

Advertisement for Hotel Virginia, featuring an image of the hotel and text: 'HOTEL VIRGINIA LONG BEACH, CALIF. Just 20 minutes from Los Angeles.'

Advertisement for Hotel Manx, featuring an image of the hotel and text: 'HOTEL MANX POWELL ST. AT O'FARRELL SAN FRANCISCO Located in the heart of the shopping and theatre district.'

Advertisement for Bellevue Hotel, featuring an image of the hotel and text: 'BELLEVUE HOTEL SAN FRANCISCO Cor. Geary and Taylor Streets. EVERY ROOM WITH BATH.'

Advertisement for Hotel Stewart, featuring an image of the hotel and text: 'HOTEL STEWART SAN FRANCISCO Geary Street, above Union Square. European Plan \$1.50 a day up. American Plan \$3.00 a day up.'

Advertisement for Hotel Sutter, featuring an image of the hotel and text: 'HOTEL SUTTER Sutter and Kearny Streets SAN FRANCISCO An up-to-date modern hotel taking the place of the old Occidental Hotel and Lick House.'

Advertisement for How Savings Grow, featuring a table showing the growth of savings over time at different interest rates.

Advertisement for Hibernia Savings Bank, featuring an image of the bank building and text: 'HIBERNIA SAVINGS BANK (ESTABLISHED 18 YEARS.) A Conservative Custodian Second and Washington Streets Open Saturday Evenings, Six to Eight.'

Advertisement for Hartzman & Thompson Bank, featuring an image of the bank building and text: 'HARTZMAN & THOMPSON BANK MONEY MAKES MONEY The more you have the more you can make. To have money you must save.'